SENATE MOTION

MR. PRESIDENT:

I move that Senate Bill 1 be amended to read as follows:

Page 16, between lines 28 and 29, begin a new paragraph and insert: "SECTION 9. IC 6-1.1-5-7 IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2004]: Sec. 7. (a) A person to whom the title to real property has passed, either under the laws of descent of this state or by virtue of the last will of a decedent, may procure a transfer of the real property on the tax duplicate on which the real property is assessed and taxed. In order to procure the transfer, the person must prepare an affidavit and, except as provided in section 9 of this chapter, file it with the auditor of the county in which the real property is situated. The affidavit shall contain the following information:

- (1) The decedent's person's date of death.
- (2) Whether the decedent person died testate or intestate. and
- (3) The affiant's interest in the real property.
- (4) If the real property is residential property, the amount of any taxes that have been deferred under IC 6-1.1-45.

In addition, if the decedent person died testate, the affiant must attach a certified copy of the decedent's will to the affidavit. However, if the will has been probated or recorded in the county in which the real property is located, the affiant, in lieu of attaching a certified copy of the will, shall state that fact in the affidavit and indicate the volume and page of the record where the will may be found.

- (b) Except as provided in section 9 of this chapter, the county auditor shall enter a transfer of the real property in the proper transfer book after the affidavit is filed with his office.
- (c) No transfer made under this section has the effect of conferring title upon the person procuring the transfer.
- (d) Before the county auditor may transfer real property described in subsection (a) on the last assessment list or apportion the assessed value of the real property among the owners, the

owner must pay or otherwise satisfy all taxes on the parcels being transferred that have become due under IC 6-1.1-45 as a result of the death of the person by paying the property tax to the county treasurer of the county in which the real property is located.

(e) A lien for and the duty to pay property taxes that are due and owing is not released or otherwise extinguished if a county auditor transfers the real property in the proper transfer book in violation of subsection (d). Property taxes that are due and owing on the affected parcel of property may be collected as if the county auditor had not transferred the property in the proper transfer book in violation of subsection (d)."

Page 17, between lines 29 and 30, begin a new paragraph and insert: "SECTION 11. IC 6-1.1-5.5-5, AS AMENDED BY P.L.90-2002, SECTION 54, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2004]: Sec. 5. The department of local government finance shall prescribe a sales disclosure form for use under this chapter. The form prescribed by the department of local government finance must include at least the following information:

- (1) The key number of the parcel (as defined in IC 6-1.1-1-8.5).
- (2) Whether the entire parcel is being conveyed.
- (3) The address of the property.

- (4) The date of the execution of the form.
- (5) The date the property was transferred.
- (6) Whether the transfer includes an interest in land, improvements, or both.
 - (7) Whether the transfer includes personal property.
 - (8) An estimate of any personal property included in the transfer.
 - (9) The name and address of each transferor and transferee.
 - (10) The mailing address to which the property tax bills or other official correspondence should be sent.
 - (11) The ownership interest transferred.
 - (12) The classification of the property (as residential, commercial, industrial, agricultural, vacant land, or other).
 - (13) The total price actually paid or required to be paid in exchange for the conveyance, whether in terms of money, property, a service, an agreement, or other consideration, but excluding tax payments and payments for legal and other services that are incidental to the conveyance.
 - (14) The terms of seller provided financing, such as interest rate, points, type of loan, amount of loan, and amortization period, and whether the borrower is personally liable for repayment of the loan.
 - (15) Any family or business relationship existing between the transferor and the transferee.
- 45 (16) If the transferred property is residential property, the 46 amount of any taxes deferred under IC 6-1.1-45.

(17) Other information as required by the department of local government finance to carry out this chapter.

Page 56, between lines 14 and 15, begin a new paragraph and insert: SECTION 35. IC 6-1.1-22-5 IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2004]: Sec. 5. On or before March 15 of each year, the county auditor shall prepare and deliver to the auditor of state and the county treasurer a certified copy of an abstract of the property, assessments, taxes, deductions, and exemptions for taxes payable in that year in each taxing district of the county. The county auditor shall prepare the abstract in such a manner that the information concerning property tax deductions reflects the total amount of each type of deduction. The abstract shall also contain a statement of the taxes and penalties unpaid in each taxing unit and the amount of taxes deferred under IC 6-1.1-45 at the time of the last settlement between the county auditor and county treasurer and the status of these delinquencies and deferred taxes. The county auditor shall prepare the abstract on the form prescribed by the state board of accounts. The offices of the auditor of state, county auditor, and county treasurer shall each keep a copy of the abstract in his office as a public record.

SECTION 36. IC 6-1.1-22-6 IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2004]: Sec. 6. The county treasurer shall keep a register of taxes and special assessments in the manner and on the form prescribed by the state board of accounts. He The county treasurer shall enter:

- (1) each payment of the taxes and special assessments in the register on the day the payment is received; and
- (2) the deferral of the payment of property taxes in the register on the day that a notice is received from the county auditor under IC 6-1.1-45.

SECTION 37. IC 6-1.1-22-8 IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2004]: Sec. 8. (a) The county treasurer shall either:

- (1) mail to the last known address of each person liable for any property taxes or special assessment, as shown on the tax duplicate or special assessment records, or to the last known address of the most recent owner shown in the transfer book a statement of current and delinquent taxes and special assessments; or
- (2) transmit by written, electronic, or other means to a mortgagee maintaining an escrow account for a person who is liable for any property taxes or special assessments, as shown on the tax duplicate or special assessment records, a statement of current and delinquent taxes and special assessments.
- (b) The county treasurer may include the following in the statement:
 - (1) An itemized listing for each property tax levy, including:

(A) the amount of the tax rate;

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- (B) the entity levying the tax owed; and
- (C) the dollar amount of the tax owed.
- (2) Information designed to inform the taxpayer or mortgagee clearly and accurately of the manner in which the taxes billed in the tax statement are to be used.
- (c) After December 31, 2003, the county treasurer shall include the following in a statement prepared under subsection (a) concerning residential real property:
 - (1) Information concerning the availability of the property tax deferral program under IC 6-1.1-45.
 - (2) The cumulative total of each of the property taxes deferred under IC 6-1.1-45 in the current year and all prior years, if the amount is greater than zero (0).
- (d) A form used and the method by which the statement and information, if any, are transmitted must be approved by the state board of accounts. The county treasurer may mail or transmit the statement and information, if any, one (1) time each year at least fifteen (15) days before the date on which the first or only installment is due. Whenever a person's tax liability for a year is due in one (1) installment under IC 6-1.1-7-7 or section 9 of this chapter, a statement that is mailed must include the date on which the installment is due and denote the amount of money to be paid for the installment. Whenever a person's tax liability is due in two (2) installments, a statement that is mailed must contain the dates on which the first and second installments are due and denote the amount of money to be paid for each installment.
- (e) (e) All payments of property taxes and special assessments shall be made to the county treasurer. The county treasurer, when authorized by the board of county commissioners, may open temporary offices for the collection of taxes in cities and towns in the county other than the county seat.".

Page 56, line 17, after "IC 6-1.1-7-7," insert "IC 6-1.1-45,".

Page 58, between lines 6 and 7, begin a new paragraph and insert: "SECTION 40. IC 6-1.1-22-10 IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2004]: Sec. 10. (a) A person who is liable for property taxes under IC 6-1.1-2-4, including property taxes deferred under IC 6-1.1-45 after the deferred taxes become due, is personally liable for the taxes and all penalties, cost, and collection expenses, including reasonable attorney's fees and court costs, resulting from late payment of the taxes.

(b) A person's liability under this section may be enforced by any legal remedy, including a civil lawsuit instituted by a county treasurer or a county executive to collect delinquent taxes. One (1) action may be initiated to collect all taxes, penalties, cost, and collection expenses levied against a person in the same county for one (1) or more years. However, an action may not be initiated to enforce the collection of

taxes after ten (10) years from the first Monday in May of the year in which the taxes first became due. An action initiated within the ten (10) year period may be prosecuted to termination.

- (c) In addition to any other method of collection authorized under this article, the department of state revenue may collect:
 - (1) property taxes deferred under IC 6-1.1-45 after the deferred taxes become due; and
 - (2) all penalties, costs, and collection expenses, including reasonable attorney's fees and court costs accruing under this article after the deferred taxes become due under IC 6-1.1-45;

as a listed tax.".

Page 72, between lines 21 and 22, begin a new paragraph and insert: "SECTION 51. IC 6-1.1-45 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS A **NEW** CHAPTER TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2004]:

Chapter 45. Senior Citizen Property Tax Deferral Program

- Sec. 1. (a) This chapter applies to the deferral of the due date for the part of the ad valorem property taxes on a homestead otherwise first due and payable in a year that exceeds the base taxable amount.
- (b) This chapter does not apply to the deferral of any of the following:
 - (1) Special assessments chargeable against a homestead.
 - (2) Fees or charges that are included, by law, on a tax statement issued under IC 6-1.1-22-8 for parcels that include a homestead.
- Sec. 2. As used in this chapter, "base taxable amount" means the ad valorem property tax liability imposed on a homestead for the later of the following:
 - (1) The March 1, 2001, assessment date for property taxes first due and payable in 2002 (or which would have been first due and payable in 2002 if the general reassessment under IC 6-1.1-4-4(a) had been timely completed), if the claimant was an owner of the homestead on that assessment date.
 - (2) The first assessment date on which the claimant is an owner of the homestead.
- Sec. 3. As used in this chapter, "claimant" means a person filing an application for the deferral of taxes.
- Sec. 4. As used in this chapter, "combined adjusted gross income for the homestead" means combined adjusted gross income, as determined in the manner provided under IC 6-1.1-12-9, of the persons described in IC 6-1.1-12-9(a)(2).
- Sec. 5. As used in this chapter, "homestead" means a

1 homestead as determined in the manner provided in IC 6-1.1-20.9. 2 Sec. 6. As used in this chapter, "senior citizen" means a person 3 who is at least sixty-five (65) years of age before January 1 of a 4 year in which taxes, subject to an application for deferral under 5 this chapter, would otherwise be first due and payable. 6 Sec. 7. As used in this chapter, "surviving spouse of a senior 7 citizen" means a surviving spouse of a senior citizen as 8 determined in the manner provided under IC 6-1.1-12-9. 9 Sec. 8. A claimant may defer the due date for the part of the ad 10 valorem property taxes on a homestead otherwise first due and 11 payable in a year that exceeds the sum of the base taxable amount 12 plus the amount of the increased assessed value of improvements 13 made to the homestead after the assessment date on which the base taxable amount is calculated, if the following criteria are 14 15 met: 16 (1) The homestead is the claimant's principal place of 17 residence, as determined in the manner provided in 18 IC 6-1.1-20.9. 19 (2) The claimant is an owner of the homestead. 20 (3) The claimant is: (A) a senior citizen; or 21 22 (B) the surviving spouse of a senior citizen. 23 (4) The owners of the homestead, including the claimant, 24 25 (A) have at least a twenty percent (20%) equity interest 26 in the homestead; and (B) meet any other criteria established by the department 27 28 of local government finance that are reasonably necessary 29 to protect the government's interest in recovering taxes 30 deferred under this chapter when they become due. 31 (5) The combined adjusted gross income for the homestead 32 does not exceed twenty-four thousand dollars (\$24,000) in the 33 year immediately preceding the year in which taxes subject to a claim for deferral under this chapter would otherwise be 34 35 first due and payable. 36 (6) If the claimant is: (A) a life tenant, the claimant has the consent of the 37 38 holders of the remainder interest; or 39 (B) purchasing the property on contract, the claimant has 40 the consent of the seller and any other persons purchasing 41 the homestead on contract; 42 to defer the payment of taxes under this chapter. 43 (7) On the date a claim is filed under this chapter, the

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claimant is not delinquent in the payment of any taxes

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imposed on the homestead.

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2 (8) The claimant files a written application for the deferral in 3 the manner and within the time required under this chapter. 4 Sec. 9. The failure of a claimant to file an application for: 5 (1) a deduction under IC 6-1.1-12; or 6 (2) a homestead credit under IC 6-1.1-20.9; 7 for which the homestead would otherwise be eligible does not 8 disqualify the claimant from deferral of taxes under this chapter. 9 Sec. 10. An application for the deferral of taxes under this 10 chapter may be filed by: 11 (1) an individual who qualifies for deferral of taxes under this 12 chapter; 13 (2) a guardian of the property of the individual described in 14 subdivision (1); or 15 (3) an attorney in fact of the individual described in 16 subdivision (1), as signified by a written power of attorney. 17 Sec. 11. An application for deferral of taxes under this chapter 18 must be filed with the county auditor in the county where the 19 homestead is located: 20 (1) after January 1; and 21 (2) before May 11; 22 of the year in which the taxes being deferred would otherwise be 23 first due and payable. However, the county auditor may set a later 24 filing deadline for an application upon showing just cause. 25 Sec. 12. (a) An application for deferral of taxes under this 26 chapter must: 27 (1) be filed on the forms; 28 (2) contain the information; and 29 (3) be accompanied by any additional information; 30 prescribed by the department of local government finance. 31 (b) If the department of local government finance does not 32 require submission of the tax returns under subsection (a), the 33 county auditor may require a claimant to provide the state and 34 federal tax returns of any individual described in 35 IC 6-1.1-12-9(a)(2) for the immediately preceding year to assist 36 the county auditor in determining the amount of combined 37 adjusted gross income for the homestead. 38 (c) The claimant shall verify under penalties of perjury the 39 truth of the information set forth in an application. 40 Sec. 13. The county auditor shall grant applications of claimants 41 who qualify under this chapter. 42 Sec. 14. If an application for deferral of taxes under this 43 chapter is not granted in full, the county auditor shall notify the 44 claimant by mail. The claimant may appeal a ruling that wholly or

partially denies an application in the same manner that appeals may be taken under IC 6-1.1-15.

- Sec. 15. (a) If the county auditor grants an application under this chapter:
 - (1) the county auditor shall send a written notice of the approval of the application to:
 - (A) the claimant; and

- (B) if the homestead includes real property, the county recorder;
- (2) the county auditor shall send an electronic or written copy of the notice, as determined by the county treasurer, to the county treasurer; and
- (3) the county auditor shall send an electronic copy of the notice to the department of local government finance.
- (b) The written notice provided by the county auditor under subsection (a) must be in the form prescribed by the department of local government finance. The electronic copy must be in the form jointly prescribed by the department of local government finance and the legislative services agency.
- (c) The notice provided by the county auditor under subsection (a) must include at least the following information:
 - (1) The name of the claimant.
 - (2) A statement indicating that the deferral of taxes otherwise due in the specified year is approved.
 - (3) A statement identifying the amount of tax liability that is deferred for each taxing unit and the total amount of taxes that is deferred.
 - (4) A legal description of the homestead for which taxes are deferred.
 - (5) The index number assigned under IC 6-1.1-5-2 for the homestead or, if an index system is not used in the county, a description of the county, township, block, and parcel or lot where the homestead is located.
 - (6) A statement indicating that the deferred taxes are a lien on the property relating back to the assessment date for the taxes.
 - (7) A description of the conditions under which the taxes become due.
 - (8) A description of the procedure that should be followed to pay the taxes.

The electronic copy of the notice submitted to the department of local government finance must include the Social Security number or other taxpayer identification number used by the claimant on the claimant's state adjusted gross income tax returns.

(d) The notice provided by the county auditor under subsection
(a) must include or be accompanied by a brief statement explaining the following:

- (1) A taxpayer whose property taxes are paid by a lender via an escrow or other similar account should enter the total amount of each installment on a copy of the notice and mail the copy to the county treasurer.
- (2) The taxpayer will receive a refund check from the county in the amount that the taxpayer entered on the notice, within thirty (30) days after the later of:
 - (A) the date on which the installment is paid by the lender; or
 - (B) the date on which the notice is received by the county treasurer.
- (3) The intent of this procedure is to ensure that the taxes on the claimant's homestead are not paid twice.
- Sec. 16. The county recorder shall record a notice of deferral received under section 15 of this chapter, without charge, in the miscellaneous records of the county recorder.
- Sec. 17. The department of local government finance shall distribute a copy of each notice received under section 15 of this chapter to the department of state revenue and, in an electronic format under IC 5-14-6, to the legislative services agency.
- Sec. 18. (a) Not later than the next distribution date under IC 6-1.1-21-10 after the department of state revenue receives a notice under section 17 of this chapter, the department of state revenue shall distribute from the state general fund to the county treasurer an amount equal to the amount of the deferred taxes covered by the notice, less an amount equal to the amount of deferred taxes imposed by the state. The department of state revenue shall notify the auditor of state to transfer from the state general fund to the appropriate fund an amount equal to the deferred taxes imposed by the state.
- (b) An amount distributed under subsection (a) is a temporary advance of the deferred taxes. The amount is not a debt of a taxing unit but is subject to repayment solely from amounts collected when the deferred taxes become due.
- (c) Within thirty (30) days after receipt, a county treasurer shall distribute the money received from the department of state revenue among the entities imposing the deferred taxes in proportion to the amount of deferred taxes imposed by each entity.
- (d) An amount distributed or transferred under this section is available for use by a taxing unit to the same extent and in the

same manner as if the amount had been collected as taxes. For purposes of computing the ad valorem property tax levy limits imposed under IC 6-1.1-18.5-3 or another provision, a taxing unit's ad valorem property tax levy for a particular calendar year includes that part of the levy deferred under this chapter.

- (e) Any error in the amount distributed or transferred under this section shall be corrected on the next settlement date after the error is discovered.
- (f) The amounts necessary to make the distributions and transfers required by this section are annually appropriated from the state general fund.
- Sec. 19. The approval of an application for deferral of taxes under this chapter defers the due date for the payment of an installment of taxes even if the approval occurs after the due date under IC 6-1.1-22-9.
- Sec. 20. Taxes deferred under this chapter become due on the earliest of the following:
 - (1) Thirty (30) days after the claimant ceases to occupy the homestead as the claimant's principal place of residence, as determined in the manner provided in IC 6-1.1-20.9.
 - (2) The date on which the owners cease to have at least a twenty percent (20%) equity interest in the homestead by reason other than death.
 - (3) If the claimant has died, the date on which an inheritance tax return would be due under IC 6-4.1 for the deceased claimant even if the estate of the deceased claimant is not required to file an inheritance return.
 - (4) The date on which the claimant or another owner fails to comply with the requirements of a prior recorded security interest in the homestead that is senior to the lien for deferred amounts.
 - (5) If deferral was erroneously allowed because eligibility requirements were not met, the date on which the taxes would otherwise have been due under IC 6-1.1-22-9.
- Sec. 21. No penalties or interest accrues on the taxes deferred under this chapter until the due date for the taxes established by section 20 of this chapter.

Sec. 22. If taxes coming due under section 20 of this chapter are not paid by the due date, the taxes shall be treated as delinquent property taxes under this article. The county auditor, in the manner prescribed by the department of local government finance, shall notify the department of local government finance of the delinquency within fifteen (15) days after the taxes become delinquent.

Sec. 23. When taxes deferred under this chapter are paid, the county treasurer shall:

(1) record the taxes as paid;

- (2) notify the county auditor of the payment;
- (3) if the deferred taxes are for real property, submit a written release of the lien for the amount of the payment to the county recorder for recording in the miscellaneous records of the county recorder;
- (4) notify the department of local government finance of the payment in the form prescribed by the department of local government finance; and
- (5) distribute the amount of the payment to the auditor of state for deposit in the state general fund.

The department of local government finance shall notify the legislative services agency (in an electronic format under IC 5-14-6) and the department of state revenue of the payment.

Sec. 24. Except:

- (1) as required by federal law or regulation;
- (2) in the case of a loan that is made, guaranteed, or insured by a federal government lending or insuring agency requiring the borrower to make payments to a lender with respect to an escrow or other type of account; or
- (3) in a case in which this section would impair the obligations of a borrower under an agreement executed before July 1, 2004;

a lender shall not require a borrower to maintain an escrow or other type of account with regard to taxes for which the borrower has elected to defer taxes under this chapter. Any payments made by the borrower to the impound, trust, or other type of account with regard to taxes, before the time of submission of the evidence of tax deferral, for any period, if not previously used in payment or partial payment of taxes, shall be refunded to the borrower within thirty (30) days after the payment is made.

SECTION 52. IC 6-8.1-1-1, AS AMENDED BY P.L.192-2002(ss), SECTION 140, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2004]: Sec. 1. "Listed taxes" or "taxes" includes only the pari-mutuel taxes (IC 4-31-9-3 through IC 4-31-9-5); the riverboat admissions tax (IC 4-33-12); the riverboat wagering tax (IC 4-33-13); **the deferred tax liability (IC 6-1.1-45)**; the gross income tax (IC 6-2.1) (repealed); the utility receipts tax (IC 6-2.3); the state gross retail and use taxes (IC 6-2.5); the adjusted gross income tax (IC 6-3); the supplemental net income tax (IC 6-3-8) (repealed); the county adjusted gross income tax (IC 6-3.5-1.1); the county option income tax (IC 6-3.5-6); the county economic development income tax (IC 6-3.5-7);

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the municipal option income tax (IC 6-3.5-8); the auto rental excise tax (IC 6-6-9); the financial institutions tax (IC 6-5.5); the gasoline tax (IC 6-6-1.1); the alternative fuel permit fee (IC 6-6-2.1); the special fuel tax (IC 6-6-2.5); the motor carrier fuel tax (IC 6-6-4.1); a motor fuel tax collected under a reciprocal agreement under IC 6-8.1-3; the motor vehicle excise tax (IC 6-6-5); the commercial vehicle excise tax (IC 6-6-5.5); the hazardous waste disposal tax (IC 6-6-6.6); the cigarette tax (IC 6-7-1); the beer excise tax (IC 7.1-4-2); the liquor excise tax (IC 7.1-4-3); the wine excise tax (IC 7.1-4-4); the hard cider excise tax (IC 7.1-4-4.5); the malt excise tax (IC 7.1-4-5); the petroleum severance tax (IC 6-8-1); the various innkeeper's taxes (IC 6-9); the various county food and beverage taxes (IC 6-9); the county admissions tax (IC 6-9-13 and IC 6-9-28); the oil inspection fee (IC 16-44-2); the emergency and hazardous chemical inventory form fee (IC 6-6-10); the penalties assessed for oversize vehicles (IC 9-20-3 and IC 9-30); the fees and penalties assessed for overweight vehicles (IC 9-20-4 and IC 9-30); the underground storage tank fee (IC 13-23); the solid waste management fee (IC 13-20-22); and any other tax or fee that the department is required to collect or administer.".

Page 103, between lines 35 and 36, begin a new paragraph and insert:

"SECTION 81. [EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2004] IC 6-1.1-45, as
added by this act, applies only to ad valorem property taxes first
due and payable after December 31, 2003.".

Renumber all SECTIONS consecutively.
(Reference is to SB 1 as printed November 21, 2003.)

Senator SIMPSON